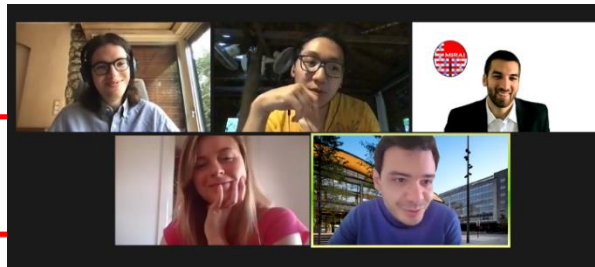


JAPAN'S FRIENDSHIP TIES PROGRAM “MIRAI”

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1. Overview

- Japan's Friendship Ties Program “MIRAI” (Mutual-understanding, Intellectual Relations and Academic Exchange Initiative) invites groups of promising young leaders who are expected to play an active role in international society and provides opportunity to have intellectual exchanges with Japanese experts, scholars, and students of the same generations.
- The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of Japan and its policy, to promote mutual understandings and thus build a basis for future friendship and cooperation between Japan and their regions.
- All participants are expected to share and disseminate their experiences and charms of Japan proactively through SNS and other media during / after the visit.



2. Program

- Participants : Graduate / Undergraduate Students, Young Professionals
- Participating Countries : countries in Europe, Central Asia & Caucasus region
- Duration : Around 10 days (Online Pre-exchange Program and Program in Japan)
- Number of Participants (JFY 2021) : 121 (TBD)
- Total Number of Participants (since 2015) : 946



3.Itinerary (model)



The program is composed of both Online Pre-exchange Program and Program in Japan.

	AM	PM	Place of stay
Day 1~3	Pre-exchange Program (Online)		Each country
Day 4	Departure from each country / Arrival		In flight
Day 5	Orientation	Company visit	Tokyo
Day 6	Transfer to another city	Lecture at research institute	
Day 7	Activities in province (e.g. Hiroshima, Kyoto)		other cities
Day 8			
Day 9	Transfer to Tokyo	Activities in Tokyo	Tokyo
Day 10	Report / De-briefing		
Day 11	Departure from Japan		In flight

■ Pre-exchange Program (Online)

- Orientation of the program
- Lecture on the theme-related contents
- Virtual exchange and discussion with Japanese students/ experts

■ Program in Japan

- 4 days in Tokyo & 2 days in another city
- Lectures on Japan and its major policies
- Visiting Japanese companies/ research institutes/ historical sites (Tokyo and another prefecture)
- Discussions with Japanese young students / experts at universities / think-tanks
- Homestay (in province)

■ Reports and Disseminations of the Program

- Presentations on the outcome by participants
- Follow-up discussions among participants
- Farewell Party etc

